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## N.S. told to 'keep eye' on hurricane



**Zane Woodford**  
 Metro | Halifax

Though it still has a long way to go, Environment Canada said Thursday that Hurricane Hermine could have an effect on Nova Scotia early next week.

A tropical cyclone information statement issued for eight Nova Scotia counties says Hermine won't have a "direct impact on Canadian territory" over the weekend, but "some potential impacts are possible next week."

Meteorologist Bob Robichaud said Thursday afternoon it's far too early to tell what those impacts could entail.

The hurricane was expected to make landfall Thursday night in Florida.

"It all depends on what is left of it after it emerges on the other side, and re-emerges over water," Robichaud said.

Robichaud said Environment Canada just wanted to make sure people kept an eye on the storm over the long weekend.

"What we're telling people is just to keep an eye on this thing in case things do change," he said.

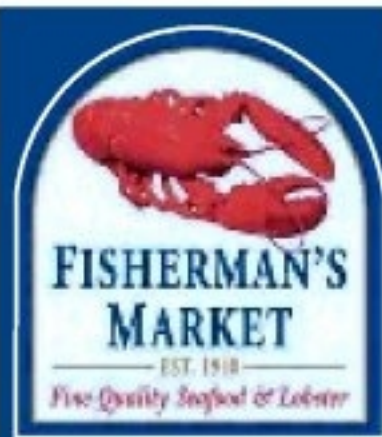


Shauntay Grant draws inspiration from *Stitched Stories: The Family Quilts* for her written work.  
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## POETIC PATCHWORK

Quilt exhibit tells the story of Halifax writer's family history

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Police at the end of Leaman Drive near the elementary school where a 48-year-old man was shot early Thursday morning. The man was brought by ambulance to hospital where he was pronounced dead. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

## Police investigating homicide behind school

### DARTMOUTH

#### 48-year-old male victim phoned for help himself



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

A 48-year-old Dartmouth man is the victim of the municipality's ninth homicide this year. The man was shot, and called police himself just before 3 a.m. on Thursday. Officers found him behind John McNeil Elementary School at the end of Leaman Drive in Dartmouth. He was taken to

hospital by ambulance, and pronounced dead soon after.

Late Thursday afternoon, police were still withholding the man's name.

"We're still doing next of kin notification, and the autopsy was scheduled for this afternoon," said Halifax Regional Police spokesperson Wendy Mansfield.

She wouldn't say whether police were able to speak with the man before he died.

Even though the province's medical examiner had yet to rule the man's death a homicide, Mansfield said the police were treating it as one, "based on what transpired."

"The homicide unit is investigating it. We're treating it as a homicide," she said.

A large area around the

school was taped off on Thursday, along with a number of houses and an arena on nearby Monique Avenue. Police could be seen canvassing the area, and searching the woods behind the school with the help of a dog.

Forensic identification officers also climbed onto the roof of the elementary school, and came down with two brown paper evidence bags.

Mansfield said police had no "suspect information," but were asking people to call Crime Stoppers with any information about the incident, no matter how insignificant it seemed to them.

This latest homicide comes just over a week after a man was found dead in the trunk of a stolen car in North Preston.



Forensic identification officers are seen near John McNeil Elementary School in Dartmouth on Thursday morning.

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### CAPE BRETON

## Shots fired, museum damaged



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

Cape Breton RCMP are investigating two cases of shots fired and property being damaged in recent weeks.

Last Saturday in the Margaree Valley, Inverness District RCMP said a resident heard shots near the fish hatchery between midnight and 1 a.m. Around the same time, a vehicle was also heard leaving the area.

According to a news release, the Mounties found multiple 12-gauge shotgun casings near where the incident occurred, but nothing else.

In a separate case, Inverness RCMP said in a release that sometime during the last three weeks two windows were damaged at the Gaelic Museum in Mabou.

One window was found cracked, while the other looks like it was shot with a pellet gun, police said. Inverness RCMP are asking anyone who has information to call 902-258-2213, or Crime Stoppers.

### LAW AND ORDER

## Lawyer suspended

Halifax defence lawyer Lyle Howe has been suspended from practicing law by the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society.

The latest suspension was announced Thursday and is effective immediately.

Howe previously had his licence suspended after a May 2014 sexual assault conviction, but his licence was reinstated after the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal overturned that conviction last year.

Darrel Pink, executive director of the society, said in an interview that information came to the society's attention and the complaints committee determined it was in the public interest Howe be suspended. He declined to provide further details.

Howe is in the midst of a separate disciplinary hearing for allegations of professional misconduct, which is set to resume on Sept. 7. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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## THINGS TO DO IN HALIFAX THIS WEEKEND

From pure-breed pups and Olympic kayakers, to catching a Fringe show or the last weekend of Shakespeare by the Sea, there's lots going on.



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

1 **Puppy love**

Dogs of all sizes and breeds will be on display from Friday to Sunday at the Halifax Forum's Multi-Purpose Room for the Halifax Kennel Club shows and trials. Come check out adorable canines showing off their conformation and obedience skills, meet the dogs, and see who is "best in show." Events are Friday evening, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and until 3 p.m. on Sunday.

2 **Brush with magic**

As wizards and witches head off to Hogwarts this fall, it's also time for Halifax muggles to have a bit of fun. The Green Rogue Fine Arts store at 567 Sackville Dr. is hosting a Paint Potter night on Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be on hand as instructors magically lead guests through having fun with acrylics on canvas. Pre-registration is required at the store beforehand or by email at [greenroguefinearts@gmail.com](mailto:greenroguefinearts@gmail.com). Tickets are \$35 each, or \$50 for one adult and up to two kids.

3 **On the Fringe**

In its 26th year, the annual Atlantic Fringe Festival runs Thursday through to Sept. 11 bringing affordable theatre and live performances to over a dozen venues across Halifax. With 55 shows and 350 performances, there is something for everyone including drama, comedy, circus arts, outdoor adventures, magic, and live tattooing! Get tickets at The Bus Stop Theatre box office any time between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m., at the door, or online at [atlanticfringe.ca](http://atlanticfringe.ca).

4 **Bard bows out**

Another Shakespeare by the Sea season has come and gone, with this weekend being the last chance to catch the popular outdoor shows at Point Pleasant Park's Cambridge Battery. Friday night is *King Lear* at 7 p.m., while *As You Like It* is 7 p.m. Saturday. *Pinocchio* finishes the weekend with shows at 1 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday, and 7 p.m. on Sunday. Visit [shakespearebythesea.ca](http://shakespearebythesea.ca) for tickets.

5 **Paddle power**

Olympians and young athletes alike will take to the waters of Lake Banook all weekend for the Canadian Sprint Canoe/Kayak Championships, until Sunday afternoon. Fresh off their competitions in Rio will be locals Genevieve Orton and Mark de Jonge, alongside other stars of the sport like Adam van Koeven. There will be about 1,400 competitors in various age groups, including hundreds from Nova Scotia — many competing to be the best in the country and named to the national team. Check [ckcchampionships2016.com](http://ckcchampionships2016.com) for a full schedule.



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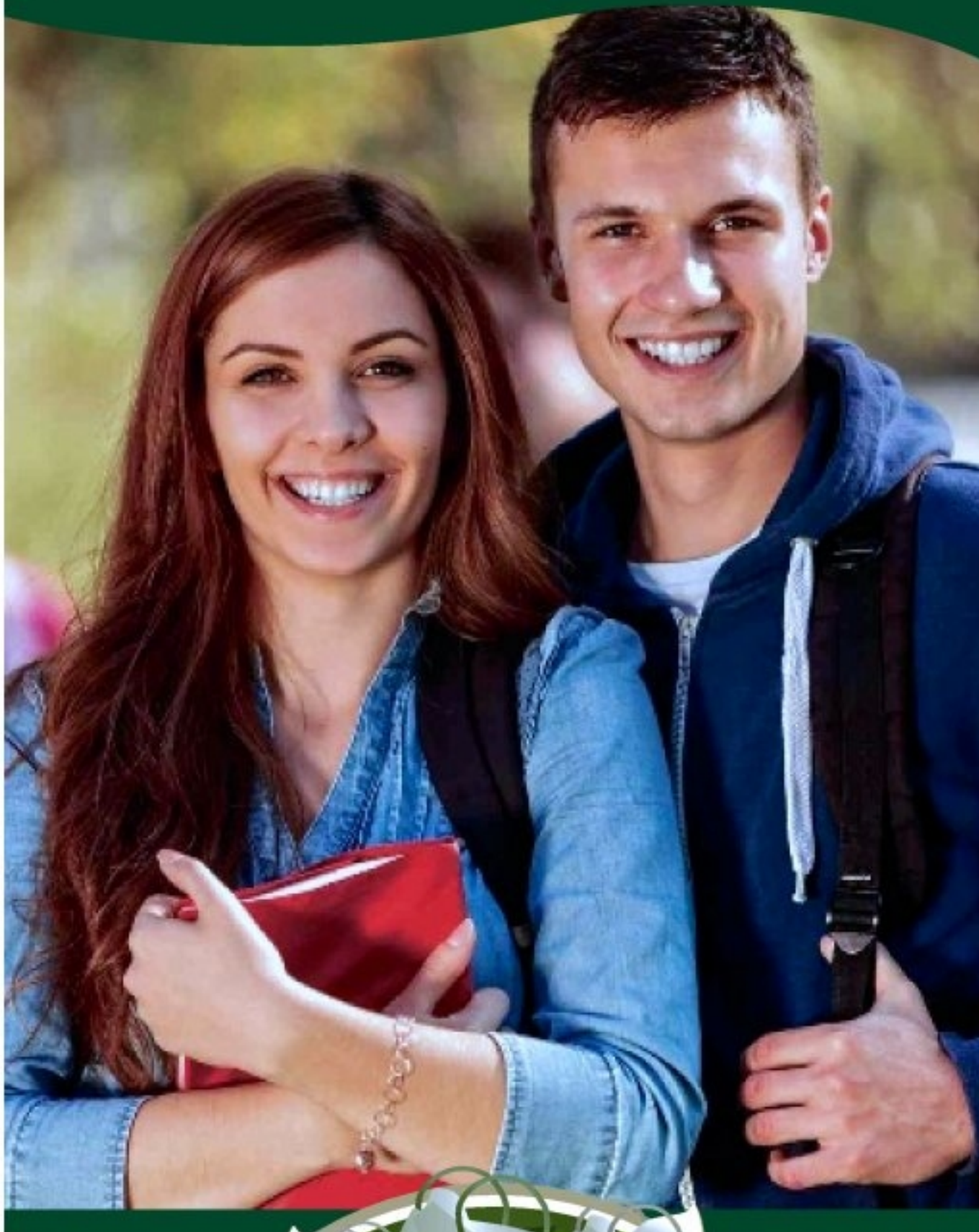
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One of the artist's renderings of the proposed Garden View development planned to help regenerate central Dartmouth. CONTRIBUTED

## Helping to see the wood for the trees

### REGENERATION

### Garden View development a key part of plan for Dartmouth



**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

A new development is looking to provide affordable housing for central Dartmouth.

The first midrise project under Main Street's revitalization plan is currently in the works. The development — called Garden View — will aim to provide housing to Halifax Regional Municipality residents such as seniors and students, among other tenants.

"To my understanding, it's strip-mall heaven right now," Patrick Crabbe said of central Dartmouth.

Crabbe is a project co-ordinator at Atlantic WoodWORKS — a program which facilitates wood use as well as non-residential and multi-family construction in Atlantic Canada.

He's working with the developer, Greg Fong, and the architect, Tom Emodi, throughout the process. The bottom floor of the building will be commercial, while the others will be designed for people to live in.

"It's kind of tackling two things: It's going to provide mixed use, multi-residential living," said Crabbe. "That's



The development is the first midrise project under the Reinventing Main Street plan. CONTRIBUTED

really why it's going to be so great to this area."

The Reinventing Main Street initiative is a 20-year plan, and one Crabbe feels can help build a community of people of mixed ages and incomes.

"You may not even have to get in your car and drive," he said. "All the services and amenities can be provided in that smaller area."

Crabbe said while there



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Patrick Crabbe

are six-storey buildings in the downtown Halifax area, this one will use "dimension lumber" rather than the older post and beam method. According to 2010 building guidelines, wood construction is restricted to four storeys.

"But in the 2015 national building code that's coming through the pipeline, they've increased the height allowance to six storeys," said Crabbe. In this way, he added, the design is "ahead of the curve."

"Wood is a renewable and sustainable building material," he said.

Garden View is currently in the design phase, and the developers have received their planning agreement from the city.

"It really is a form of sustainable urban living," said Crabbe.



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# Café asks suburbs: Wanna play?

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## Board games offer offline interpersonal interaction



**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

Board game enthusiasts who live outside of downtown Halifax will soon have easier access to hundreds of games.

The Board Room Game Cafe is slated to open a Bedford location this fall.

"With our current location downtown, we have access to lots of students and people that live downtown," owner Kris Moulton said Thursday.

"But it's always been difficult for people driving in, because parking downtown is always a challenge."

The café-game room hybrid opened on Barrington Street in Halifax back in 2013. Customers are welcome to play as many games as they please for an entrance fee of \$5 per person. They can also order



John Gallant and Kris Moulton of the Board Room Game Cafe in Halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO

snacks, sandwiches, coffee and booze.

The idea is that this second spot will attract those who live in Bedford, Sackville and Hammonds Plains.

Moulton said it will have a "similar feel" to the existing

café, but there may be some differences. The downtown location, for instance, abides by a "minors policy" due to its liquor licence. In other words, those under the age of 19 are only allowed in the café with an adult, and before 6 p.m.

"We've had families express frustration with our downtown rules," said Moulton.

In Bedford, Moulton hopes the liquor licence will be more like that of a restaurant and bar.

"There will be an area that

families can come in without the restrictions that we have downtown," he explained. "But there will still be a lounge-bar area for adults only."

According to Moulton, the new space — located off the Bedford Highway — is more

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It's a great activity for people to get away from their typical digital lives — they can sit across the table and be face-to-face with real people.

Kris Moulton

open and allows for more flexibility.

"The goal is not to make it families only or anything, but it will be easier for families to come in."

Moulton credits the café's appeal to the resurgence of board games, adding that he's noticed an increase in interest since he first opened.

"People are learning all these new games and really excited to try them," he said.

"It's a great activity for people to get away from their typical digital lives — they can sit across the table and be face-to-face with real people."

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# Fabric of a writer's life

DALHOUSIE ART GALLERY

## Shauntay Grant finds comfort, inspiration in family quilts



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

Scorch marks, pieces of coats, dresses and old sweaters are the fabric of an old family quilt that's part of Shauntay Grant's rich family history.

Her great-grandmother Annie (Cain) Simmonds' winter quilt is just one of several on display at the Dalhousie Art Gallery as part of an exhibit that opened on Thursday.

Stitched Stories: The Family Quilts will provide the backdrop for Grant's own poetic patchwork quilt.

Over the course of the exhibit, which runs from Sept. 1 to Nov. 27, the local writer and poet will look to the selection of family quilts on display for her latest poetic inspiration.

Using brightly coloured notecards instead of fabric scraps, Grant will create her own vibrant

"poetry" quilt on the empty gallery wall space.

"I see stories when I look at all of these quilts. This one survived a house fire and you can see the burn marks in the fabric. This was my great grandmother's coat. You can still see the pocket tucked into the fabric there," Grant said, pointing out a few of the characteristics of her great-grandmother's winter quilt during a tour of the exhibit on Thursday.

"These are all bits of their (family members') lives at a time that I didn't know ... My great-grandmother is no longer with us, but she is. These quilts she made with her hands. She passed when I was very young, but I feel close to her when I have these garments on."

The exhibit was a collaborative effort with Grant's grandmother, Rev. Alfreda Smith, who owns most of the quilts that are on display.

"My grandmother is a storyteller and she loves telling stories and talking about the olden days, and these quilts are just an

extension of the history that she so very much wants to pass on to us always," Grant explained.

A listening station will play Grant's poem 'Grandmother,' inspired in part by the family quilts. Another poem written with the quilts in mind will be showcased on the wall.

"I'm a writer, that's my main practice. When I look for ideas, when I look for inspiration, I go to home," she said.



"When I say home, I mean all of the people and places that make up

home. For me, these quilts are my writing props, my comfort blanket when I need it. It's home."

Two other exhibits will run alongside Stitched Stories.

Lisa Hirmer's Dirt Piles focuses on landscape and displacement. Former Nova Scotia Lieutenant Governor Mayann Francis' exhibit, The Dress pays homage to her years as the Queen's representative and the role her garments played.

"I asked my grandmother why she kept these quilts all these years, quilts that are broken down, falling apart in places with burn marks, and she simply said it's history," Grant said.

"I think that sums it up right there. It's history and it's important."

**"These quilts are my writing props, my comfort blanket."**

Shauntay Grant

An exhibition launched Thursday at Dalhousie Art Gallery.

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VANDALISM

## Community piano screwed up

A New Brunswick man unhappy with a noisy outdoor piano in his town square took matters into his own hands and screwed the key cover shut.

The piano was installed July 1 at Leonard's Gate in Sussex, N.B.

Scott Hatcher, the town's chief administrative officer, had seen a similar piano while vacationing in Kelowna, B.C., and thought one would help Sussex's downtown revitalization efforts.

Hatcher said the Sussex piano caught on quickly with residents but that included some who tin-

kled the ivories after midnight.

"There are two nearby bars," Hatcher noted. "It's probably people on their way home from the bar who think they're Mozart or something."

The town received two noise complaints, both seemingly from a resident of a nearby apartment. On Monday, someone put two screws into the cover, sealing it.

People saw the culprit do it, and he's discussed it on social media.

"The person who did it isn't really hiding it," said Hatcher.

Hatcher estimated local artists and a piano tuner put \$5,000 worth of time and effort into refurbishing the piano, and the vandalism "kind of guts them."

But the town is not looking for a fight. Officials simply unscrewed the key cover, and have offered to install a lock on the piano and give the perpetrator the key.

Hatcher said the piano will be moved to another park.

"We're not trying to create a nuisance," Hatcher said.

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## IN BRIEF

**Police arrest man after standoff in St. John's**

Police in Newfoundland say they have arrested a male without incident after he barricaded himself in a home in St. John's west end.

Updates posted on social media by the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary say the almost three-hour standoff has ended. Traffic access to the neighbourhood near Bowring Park had been limited since about 1 p.m. local time. Police had initially described the suspect as "possibly armed." THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Knife attack in downtown**

Police are investigating after a man was held up at knife-point and robbed in downtown Halifax.

On Wednesday, Halifax Regional Police received a report from a victim who said a man holding a knife had forced him to take money from a George Street bank ATM. The suspect is described as a 20- to 25-year-old white man, who is about six-foot-four and 250 pounds.

HALEY RYAN/METRO

# The moving city of the sea

## TRANSPORT

## Super cruise ship is largest vessel to visit Port of Halifax

A palatial cruise ship described by passengers as a mini, moving city cast an impressive figure on the Halifax waterfront Thursday, breaking port records as thousands of tourists flooded into the city.

The Anthem of the Seas arrived in downtown Halifax under grey skies, towering over historic Pier 21 on the south side of the waterfront boardwalk.

The Port of Halifax says the ship was carrying about 4,180 passengers plus the crew and weighs a whopping 167,800 tons, making it the largest cruise ship ever to visit Halifax both in terms of its size and passenger capacity.

The Quantum Class boat has everything from bumper cars and roller skating to a circus school and four swimming pools, along with more than 2,000 staterooms. Linda Jacobs, a retiree from New York state who was vacationing aboard



The massive cruise ship Anthem of the Seas in Halifax on Thursday. Officials say its 4,900-passenger capacity plus crew will likely set a new port record for the highest number of cruise guests on a single vessel. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ANDREW VAUGHAN

the mammoth ship with her husband Ed Jacobs, said it took them a few days to get their bearings.

"It's big. It's big and confusing. But after a while you get used to it," said Linda Jacobs on the boardwalk, adding that there are people from all over the world on the Anthem including China and Australia.

"It's like a mini city," said Ed Jacobs with a laugh. "There's people from all different places, and we've talked to everybody."

A round, mechanical capsule on the ship's upper deck that lifts passengers 90 metres above the sea could be seen ascending into the fog on Thursday morning.

Onlookers were gathering in nearby parking lots and along

the water's edge to snap pictures of the massive vessel, which was built last year.

Inside the nearby Halifax Sea-Port Farmers' Market, vendor Laura Mae of Osha Mae was anticipating an influx of customers just before the cruise ship passengers were scheduled to reboard the Anthem around 4:30 p.m. Mae, an herbalist who

## + FACTS

The ship can accommodate 4,905 guests, has 1,500 crew members and has a cruising speed of 22 knots.

There is also a bar board that uses robotic arms to mix drinks, an upper deck mechanical capsule that lifts passengers 90 metres above the sea, and skydiving and surfing simulators.

Retail shops on board the Anthem of the Seas include Armani, Tom Ford, Bobbi Brown, Bulgari and Hublot.

sells handmade soaps and other aroma therapy products, said: "People will buy the product and use it for a few months at home, and it's taking them back to their awesome time in Halifax," said Mae, referring to the phenomenon of smells being linked to memories.

"It certainly has an impact on my business." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## ILLNESS

## Newfoundland singer defends Gomez's concert cancellations

A Newfoundland singer-songwriter is calling out critics of pop star Selena Gomez, saying she was right to cancel two concerts in Atlantic Canada for health reasons.

Jerry Stamp, who retired from music because of his own auto-immune disease, said he's not a particular fan of Gomez's music, but her battle with lupus has impressed him. "It is at least equally as horrible as my own predicament, if not more," Stamp, who has psoriatic arthritis, said in a Facebook post.

"The fact she has made it this far without having to show weakness is actually incredible and really impressive. Hell, I had to quit my music career due to my disease. I had 20 years clocked in. It was all I ever wanted to do. Now I can't. This young woman has fought to keep hers going."

Gomez had been scheduled to play Paradise, N.L., on Saturday and Moncton, N.B., on Sunday. But on Tuesday, the Texas-born singer/actress cancelled those dates along with the remainder of her "Revival" world tour.

The former Disney Channel star told People magazine

she suffers from lupus-related anxiety, panic attacks and depression.

"I want to be proactive and focus on maintaining my health and happiness and have decided that the best way forward is to take some time off," she told the magazine in a statement.

Stamp told The Canadian

**"The fact she has made it this far without having to show weakness is actually incredible and really impressive."**  
Jerry Stamp

Press on Thursday that within minutes of her cancellation, he saw complaints on Facebook from people saying she should just "suck it up" and do the Paradise show.

"Normally I would just let stuff like this go away, but ... I felt it was unfair criticism from people who I would hope would be more understanding

had they simply known more about it." In his Facebook post, Stamp says his condition has left him with "many physical ailments, chronic pain, anxiety, panic attacks, mental and physical stress, as well as a heap of other fun mental and physical issues."

He notes auto-immune disorders aren't evident to observers, but the strains are always there. "I have already heard of local folks calling her out for cancelling her local performance as if she for some reason owed them something. Trolls making jokes at her expense," he wrote.

"Leave the poor girl alone. Let her deal with her health. Maybe you'll get lucky and she'll come back again someday and you'll get to stand and pretend you really care then. Until then, don't just be another anonymous 'fan' who now doesn't have plans for the weekend."

The promoter of the two Atlantic dates, David Carver Music, said in a statement that it stands by Gomez's decision to put her health first.

It said it would announce plans for refunds on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Sherry Robertson, executive director of Yarmouth Life Skills, says the "wheels started turning" during a cruise this past winter. ERIC BOURQUE/ THE YARMOUTH VANGUARD

## Making the difference

### DISABILITY ACTION

### Life Skills guru off to the West Indies to share her expertise

The founder of a Yarmouth organization that helps people with disabilities will spend six months 3,000 kilometres away lending a hand with a similar initiative.

Sherry Robertson, executive director of Yarmouth Life Skills for Disabled Adults, has been invited to Saint Kitts and Nevis to share her expertise in providing disability services, an area where there is said to be a great need in the West Indian nation.

Among other things, Robertson has been asked to reorganize an existing centre for adults with disabilities in Saint Kitts and to develop a conceptual plan for a new facility in Nevis, the country's other island.

the country's disability services. He told her there was a desperate need.

"That was the defining moment," Robertson said. "That was when my wheels started turning."

Robertson started doing research and decided this was something she wanted to pursue. She approached the Yarmouth Life Skills board, which gave her the green light to visit Saint Kitts and Nevis, find out what services were available and see if there were opportunities for partnerships. She spent about three weeks there in June, meeting with a number of people.

She then was contacted by a representative of Ade's Place, a centre for adults with disabilities in Saint Kitts, who invited her back. The Yarmouth Life Skills board again gave her the go-ahead, for which Robertson says she's grateful.

"The board is very much in favour of the whole thing because

**“More than anything, it's lending a model so that people don't have to reinvent the wheel. David Olie**

Robertson will be involved in training people and serve as an adviser. She will speak to groups and promote awareness of services for adults with disabilities.

Robertson will continue her job as executive director of Yarmouth Life Skills but from a distance, with Melanie d'Entremont, the acting executive director, in charge of the day-to-day operation in Robertson's absence.

Robertson says she will be in regular contact with the Yarmouth facility while away and will be Skyping in to Yarmouth Life Skills board meetings. She expects to be back home the first or second week of March.

It was during a cruise this past winter that Robertson became interested in Saint Kitts and Nevis. While on a bus tour there, Robertson asked the driver about

we see this as really putting Yarmouth Life Skills on the map," said board chair David Olie.

The federal government in Saint Kitts and Nevis has identified disability services as one of its priorities. Robertson says she wants to do her part. While it could be a challenge — given the work that needs to be done — she says she's up for it. She also can draw on the experience of having founded Yarmouth Life Skills nine-and-a-half years ago.

"We started from ground zero here," she said. "When we started, it was me, five participants, and I brought my own pens and pencils and paper. Now we have eight staff, 23 participants, a 3,200-square-foot centre and our budget's close to \$300,000. We've come a long way."

ERIC BOURQUE/ THE YARMOUTH VANGUARD

### DIGBY

## Revving up for another kind of rat race

The bikers are here. The rumbling and roaring has begun, the vendors and builders are set up and ready for the start of the eleventh annual Wharf Rat Rally in Digby.

The familiar sheet with the words "We're back. Henry's Ontario Boys" is hanging on a big yellow house at the top of Warwick Street across from the Big Tim's.

Henry's Boys are a group of friends from Ontario who've been coming to Wharf Rat for

years. They used to stay with Henry Hubbard in his big house down on Sydney Street until Henry passed away and his estate sold the house.

"We love it down here," says the spokesperson for the group, Dave Balderson, who has been coming to the rally for 10 years. "Everyone treats us so well. We bring new friends with us so they can experience it for themselves."

Henry's Boys are all set up and have been travelling

around sightseeing the past couple of days and are now ready for the rally to begin. The RCMP say they are ready, too.

Digby RCMP Cpl. Sean Boulger says they have brought

in additional resources including a helicopter and rescue boat and are prepared for the anticipated influx of bikers and visitors to the area.

Cpl. Boulger is hoping everyone makes safety a priority.

"Play safe and make sure your visit to Digby is a pleasant one," says Cpl. Boulger. "We encourage motorists to park their vehicles and take advantage of the free shuttle service that is being offered."

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# The boy who changed the direction of a nation

## SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

### Alan's death had profound impact on many Canadians' lives

A year ago, Tima Kurdi was just a suburban mother, a hardworking immigrant in British Columbia who had knocked on many doors in a helpless effort to bring over her siblings and their families from war-torn Syria.

On Sept. 2, 2015, the Port Coquitlam woman's life was forever changed because of the drowning deaths of her nephews, Alan, 3, and Ghalib, 5, and their mother in the Aegean Sea while fleeing to Greece. The tragedy thrust her into a new role: appealing to the Canadian conscience over the long-standing refugee crisis.

Kurdi was thrust into the spotlight, becoming a spokeswoman for millions of Syrian refugees to people in Canada and around the world shaken by the image of tiny Alan lying facedown and lifeless on a Turkish beach.

The plea she and other Syrian Canadians had been making for years to politicians was finally heard. Just weeks later, the new Liberal government swiftly opened Canada's door to thousands of Syrian refugees.

"I would never have imagined that after that image of Alan, something would happen for the better," reflected Kurdi, who came to Canada in 1992 and lives in Port Coquitlam with husband, Rocco Logozzo, and their 23-year-old son, also named Alan.

"It was very hard and emotional for me with the reality we live it, that it took a tragedy until somebody would take action. It's the power from God to wake up the world to help the suffering people," added Kurdi, who until then had been unsuccessful in bringing her two brothers — Abdullah, Alan's father, and Mohammad, to Canada.

But Kurdi and her family weren't the only people whose lives were changed by little Alan's death: Syrian refugee families have been given the opportunity that Alan didn't



Alan, left, and his brother Ghalib Kurdi. Alan, 3, Ghalib, 5, and their mother drowned in the Aegean Sea while fleeing to Greece on Sept. 2, 2015. CONTRIBUTED

have to build a new life in Canada. Members of Muslim and Arab communities who have felt disenfranchised in Canada have a renewed sense of belonging. And ordinary people who rolled up their sleeves to engage in refugee issues feel a fresh pride in being Canadian.

"There has been a profound shift among Canadians in terms of our idea of refugees. For all

of us on the ground, we were used to reaching out to religious groups and labour unions for help," said Janet Dench, of the Canadian Council for Refugees. "Now, all organizations suddenly are trying to find ways to offer help for refugees."

Dench called Alan Kurdi's death a defining moment that shifted Canadians' attitude toward the distant refugee crisis

**“It took a tragedy until somebody would take action.”**

Tima Kurdi

in Europe and the Middle East.

Brian Dyck, chair of the Canadian Refugee Sponsorship Agreement Holder Association, said few people would have expected the refugee crisis to become a campaign issue in last October's federal election.

Then prime minister Stephen Harper was forced to address the Conservative government's record on the refugee crisis, while Immigration Minister Chris Alexander, who eventually lost his seat in the election, suspended campaigning to return to Ottawa to deal with the fallout.

"It's hard to say if it changed the outcome of the election," said Dyck, "but Canada's response to the refugee crisis was certainly discussed a lot for several weeks." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## ALAN KURDI'S LEGACY



**Gynecologist Vanig Garabedian** and his wife, also a doctor, left Aleppo for Lebanon in 2014, after their clinic was bombed, and it was no longer safe for them and their two girls to stay.

The family was among those who got off the first flight arriving at Pearson airport, personally received by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Since then, he has made presentations at health conferences in Ottawa and Vancouver on refugee and women's health issues and is studying for a medical exam as the first step to returning to his profession.

"It was the nicest surprise that we came to this country and we were welcomed by the head of state. ... It gives our dignity and respect back."



When **Asim Bhatti, Sarfaraz Haq and Nazim Tejani** — acquaintances who first met at a Muslim prayer drop-in in Richmond Hill — decided to form a refugee sponsorship group last September, the trio was only planning to bring in a family of six from Homs.

Soon they realized the family also had two "linked" families — the couple's two adult sons, their wives and children — who were stuck in Lebanon and needed to be resettled together.

In the end, the group sponsored 17 people, including a newborn girl the family named "Canada."

"Seeing Alan Kurdi's photo was a major catalyst to get us going. I have a grandson who just turned 4 and I couldn't imagine if that was my grandson," said Haq, 55, who came here from India three decades ago with just \$25 in his pocket.



**Nasim Misrabi** was volunteering for a group in Turkey monitoring the GPS signals of refugee boats in the open sea trying to cross to Greece when news of Alan Kurdi's death emerged.

"After that, people started posting photos of dead refugees on social media, because they saw the international media's response to Alan. Everyone wanted to explain what they're suffering," said Misrabi, 25, of Damascus, who arrived in Toronto in February, sponsored by the Canadian government.

"In Turkey, we woke up every day and wondered how to find food. You just lived to survive. We lost all our hopes, so the sudden media attention was new."



**Maher Azem**, who came to Canada from Syria in 2005 to pursue a post-graduate degree at Ryerson University, said the Arab and Muslim community has become more engaged and mobilized, seeing the hope of change from the Liberal government's commitment to the refugee crisis. The Toronto man and others founded the Syrian Canadian Foundation to help private sponsorship groups and settlement agencies serve the arriving refugees.

"The community has moved from advocating for refugees to aiding them," said Azem. The surge of interest in anything Syria also propelled Azem and friends to launch the first Syria Film Festival (SYFF) in November, to introduce Canadians to their new neighbours.



**Shadi Al Qablawi** lived in constant fear in the three and a half years his family stayed in refuge in Jordan, worrying he would get caught working illegally in a gas station and sent back to Syria without his family knowing.

Sitting in an apartment in Mississauga, Ont. he shares with his wife and three children, along with his mother and youngest sister, the 36-year-old man treasures the peace of mind he now enjoys.

Since he and his family arrived in Canada in February under the government-assisted resettlement program.

"When we first saw Alan Kurdi's photo, we had zero expectations from the world," said Al Qablawi. "It's so sad about that little boy, but his death has saved so many lives. We really owe him."

## DIPLOMACY

### PM talks human rights in China

Justin Trudeau set his sights squarely on China's human-rights record Thursday, painting Canada as a straight-talking champion of personal freedoms as he lectured an elite business crowd on the value of good governance and free expression.

The prime minister's direct remarks came during week-long official visit to China aimed at forging deeper commercial and cultural bonds between the two countries.

Building closer economic ties will make it easier for China and Canada to speak frankly about governance, human rights and the rule of law, Trudeau told several hundred people at an event hosted by the Canada China Business Council.

"I remind everyone that as a country that has seen first hand the benefits of free expression and good governance — Canada encourages China to do more to promote and protect human rights," he said.

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## IN BRIEF

### Decline in buying power predicted for child program

Canadian families will see their payments slowly erode over time under the Liberal government's new child benefit program, says Parliament's budget watchdog.

In a report released today, the parliamentary budget officer says the benefit doesn't automatically adjust to account for inflation, which means the number of families who qualify will also decline in the long run.

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### Fentanyl believed to have caused 9 ODs in 20 minutes

A B.C. police chief says it's a miracle that no one died after nine people overdosed within a 20-minute period on what are believed to be drugs laced with fentanyl.

Emergency crews responded to a series of calls Thursday morning from four locations in Delta, where recreational drug users thought they were using cocaine.

Police chief Neil Dubord says first responders used naloxone and that one man had to be revived.

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# Hispanic leaders scratch their heads

U.S. ELECTION

## Trump speech saddens many who advised the nominee

"Crushed." "Disappointed." "Confused."

Some Hispanic leaders who have been advising Donald Trump say they feel betrayed after his long-awaited immigration speech that definitively ruled out a pathway to legal status for people living in the country illegally.

Trump stopped short of calling for the mass deportation of millions of people who have not committed crimes beyond their immigration offences. But he also ruled out what he dismissed as "amnesty," saying those who want to live legally in the U.S. will need to leave and head to the back of the line.

"There's several of us who have gone out on a limb, if you will, to try to at least be at the table of reason with him, and that's left us confused and disappointed," said Tony Suarez, the executive vice-president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference. He's been among those pushing Trump to moderate his stance.



Donald Trump THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

As recently as Monday, he said, the GOP presidential nominee had signalled on a conference call with faith leaders that they could expect to see a gentler, more compassionate Trump in the speech. Trump, Suarez said, was asked explicitly whether they would see a softening or any "hope" for at least some of the people currently living in the shadows.

"He said, 'Yes,' and he thought we would be very pleased on Wednesday," said Suarez. "The impression given on the call was not what we heard last night."

Alfonso Aguilar, president of the Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles, had prominently endorsed Trump after initially opposing his candidacy. He, too, said Trump had signalled a willingness to moderate some of his immigration

plans, including limiting his call for deportations to those convicted of crimes.

"At this point, I just don't see how I can support him. So I'm withdrawing my support," Aguilar said. "I was expecting something very different last night. I'm not naive, I knew who I was dealing with. I knew this could happen. It was a risk."

"From a political perspective, this is the end of Donald Trump. I really think now he's definitely going to lose."

Trump's campaign, however, insisted the billionaire businessman had never wavered.

"Mr. Trump has been consistent in advocating for an end to illegal immigration and he will continue to reach out and work with voters from all communities to defeat Crooked Hillary Clinton this fall," said Jason Miller, the campaign's senior communications adviser.

Mark Gonzalez, founder of the Hispanic Action Network, had also expected Trump to go in a different direction.

"We didn't see compassion last night so we're extremely disappointed," he said. "We were anticipating something a lot more favourable."

"He definitely didn't help himself with the Latino community (Wednesday) night."

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Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, share a joke with construction workers on Thursday in Newquay, U.K. CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY IMAGES

UNITED KINGDOM

## Did Kate get catcalled?

The Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton, appeared to catch the attention of a group of construction workers on Thursday as she toured Cornwall with her husband.

In photos of the interaction, she appears to laugh at what's being said,

while Prince William looks less than impressed. Before jumping to conclusions, the exchange seems to be a lot more innocent than the photos make it look. And no, William isn't reopening the Tower of London. It appears that Sam Wayne, the

construction worker in the foreground, just wanted a selfie with the royal couple.

British tabloids are having a field day with the apparent catcalls, calling the construction workers "cheeky" and praising the royal couple for taking it all in jest. METRO

TRAVEL

## Airline mixes up children

A woman in New York says she hasn't stopped crying since an airline mistook her five-year-old for another child and flew him to the wrong city.

Maribel Martinez tells New York's Daily News she was shocked when JetBlue staffers presented her with another little boy on Aug. 17 at Kennedy Airport.

"No, this is not my child," she recalled telling JetBlue employees. "I was freaking out."

Her lawyer, Sanford Rubenstein, said that child was supposed to be in Boston. Instead, Martinez's son, Andy, was sent there and it took hours for the airline to figure out where he was and return him home safely.

"I thought he was kidnapped," said Martinez. "I thought I would never see him again."

Both unaccompanied five-year-old boys had boarded in the Dominican Republic. Martinez said her son was wearing a wristband with his name on it. But the other child was carrying Andy's passport.

The boy who was mistakenly



Maribel Martinez holds a photo of her son Andy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

flown to New York was safely returned to Boston, the airline said. JetBlue is reviewing how the mix-up occurred.

Martinez said it took more than three hours for the airline

to track down Andy in Boston. When it put her on the phone with him, he said, "Mami, they put me on another plane," she told the newspaper.

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VENEZUELA

## The 'taking of Caracas' puts on pressure for recall

Venezuela's opposition is vowing to keep up pressure on President Nicolas Maduro after flooding the streets of Caracas with demonstrators Thursday in its biggest show of force in years.

Protesters filled dozens of city blocks in what was dubbed the "taking of Caracas" to pressure electoral authorities to al-

low a recall referendum against Maduro this year. Protesters, dressed mostly in white and carrying Venezuelan flags, chanted, "It's going to fall, it's going to fall, the government is going to fall."

The buildup to the protest was tense. Maduro's government jailed several prominent activ-

ists, deployed security forces across the city and warned of bloodshed.

A small group of protesters, some of them wearing masks and throwing rocks, squared off with riot police as the rally was ending. Police used tear gas to break up the crowd and arrested a few youth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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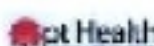
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# Bombardier to suspend business jet production

## MANUFACTURING

### Move due to sluggishness in market, says spokesman

Bombardier is juggling challenges on two new fronts in Canada, temporarily suspending business jet production and falling behind in its delivery of a light rail transit prototype for Toronto's Eglinton Crosstown transit line.

The aerospace and railway manufacturer says it plans to place workers at its Global jet completion centre in Montreal on furlough for an unspecified amount of time next year.

"It's a minor adjustment to our completion activities that will be deployed in 2017," spokesman Mark Masluch said Thursday.

He said the change — which follows last year's move to cut production of the Global 5000 and 6000 models from 80 to about 50 per year — will better manage costs and address



Bombardier said it would cut production of the Global 5000 and 6000 jets from 80 to about 50 per year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ongoing sluggishness in the business jet market.

A company source who spoke on condition of anonymity said Bombardier is seeking to suspend production for 20 days in addition to the usual

two-week shutdown during summer.

Bombardier has also been taking action involving its Challenger and Learjets.

It notified employees last week that Montreal production

of the Challenger 350 and 650 jets would be suspended this fall for four weeks, according to Dave Chartrand, Quebec representative of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

Some Learjet employees in Wichita, Kan., were recently transferred to other programs while others are facing layoffs.

Masluch declined to confirm details about the Challenger suspension. But he said it stems from the decision announced in February to cut 7,000 jobs around the world over two years. Bombardier also handed out pink slips last week to employees because of its "workplace optimization" plan.

Meanwhile, Bombardier Transportation said it will deliver a light rail transit prototype in two to three weeks to Metrolinx, an agency of the Ontario government, for the Eglinton Crosstown transit line in Toronto after missing Wednesday's deadline to do so.

Bombardier has had troubles in the past delivering projects on time for Toronto's transit system. It was supposed to have delivered 70 new streetcars to the Toronto Transit Commission by early August but a spokeswoman for the TTC said last month that it was hoping for 31 by the end of the year.

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## FOOD

### Campbell's freshness push stalls

Campbell Soup's push to become a bigger player in the fresh foods market has been crimped by puny carrots and possibly spoiled protein drinks.

The Camden, New Jersey-based company said Thursday that sales in its recently established Campbell Fresh unit fell on declines by carrots and Bolthouse Farms beverages. The unit, which now accounts for 13 per cent of the company's total sales, is intended to drive revenue growth by capitalizing on the healthy eating trend.

CEO Denise Morrison called the unit's performance "unacceptable" but said it was the result of execution problems that Campbell is fixing. Morrison said a premature harvest led to smaller carrots, which drove away customers. Bolthouse drink results were hurt by a manufacturing issue that prompted the recall of 3.8 million bottles because of a possibility of spoilage.

Like other packaged food giants, Campbell Soup Co. is trying to transform its lineup of offerings as sales of its core products have slumped.

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Instagram's new zoom function, launched on Wednesday, allows users to pinch-to-zoom in on photos and videos. ISTOCK

## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Instagram introduces zoom

Instinctively pinching on an ex's Instagram photo to zoom in and accidentally liking it (oops!) will be less likely now that the app has finally graced users with a zoom feature.

Instagram announced the new functionality on Wednesday, allowing users to pinch-to-zoom in on photos and videos. The inability to zoom was one of the most complained about

aspects of the app.

The company did not provide any explanation as to why this rather basic function was introduced five years later, but did say it's working on "improving core parts of Instagram."

"Over the past six months, you've seen many exciting changes come to Instagram, from a new icon to longer vid-

eos and even a new way to share everyday moments with Instagram Stories," Instagram said in a statement.

Users took to social media to rejoice at the game-changing feature.

The zoom function, currently available on iOS only, will be available on Android devices in the coming weeks.

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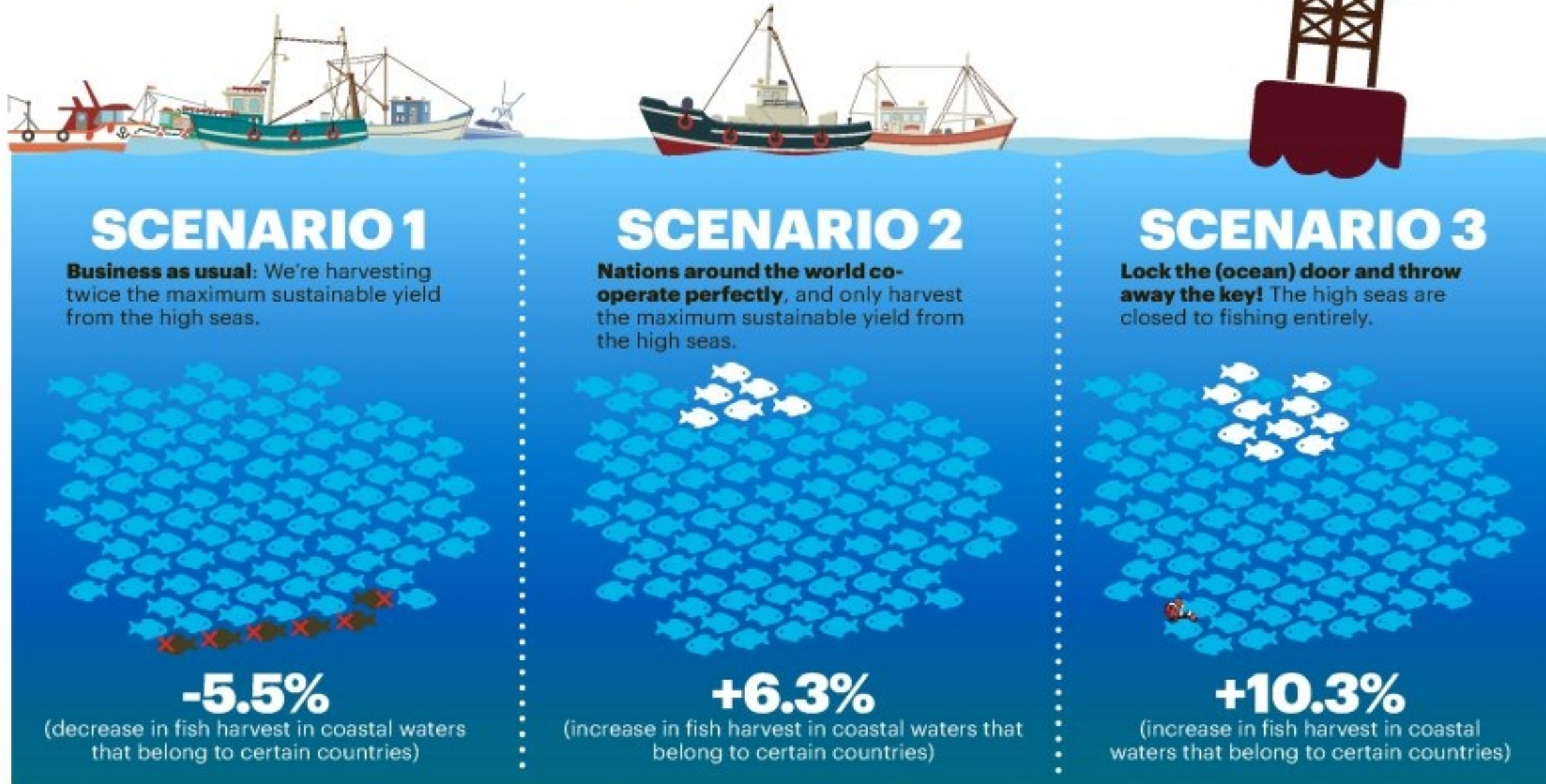
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## HOW TO KEEP PLENTY OF FISH IN THE SEA

Climate change is warming up the oceans, and many fish can't handle the heat. They're fleeing from tropical waters for cooler climes to the north and south. It's affecting fish harvests, especially in poor countries where they're needed most. UBC environmental science professor William Cheung has proposed a bold thought experiment: **What if we just ... closed the ocean? Could we save the seas?**

Using some fancy math, Cheung and colleagues predicted the abundance of **30 far-roaming fish species by 2050**, assuming global temperatures will have increased by about 1.8 C over the 1985-2005 average by 2100. They looked at three ways we could manage the **high seas** — the international waters that take up 2/3 of the oceans. They measured how

those scenarios would affect the remaining 1/3 of the oceans: the **exclusive economic zones (EEZs)** particular countries have the right to use. They assume no more than the maximum number of fish that can be harvested without depletion — called the **maximum sustainable yield** — is taken from the EEZs themselves.



### FINDINGS Your week in science



#### STUMP FLUFFY

A new study suggests you should be making your lazy indoor cat work for her supper. Food puzzles, which make cats 'hunt' more like their wild ancestors, seem to increase activity and reduce boredom, lowering risks of obesity and diabetes.

#### IN FOR A HARD NIGHT (OR MORNING)

When you're most alert and operating at your best — whether you're a night owl or an early bird — is the time you're most likely to "self-sabotage" (a.k.a. waste time when you know you should be doing something else), an Indiana University study says.

### SOUND SMART



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### CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

## Can anybody predict an earthquake?

**Scientists were once charged for failing to predict an earthquake. Can anybody predict that? — Dean, Toronto**

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, no scientist has "ever predicted a major earthquake. They do not expect to know how in the foreseeable future." But "probabilities can be calculated for potential future earthquakes."

Despite this, after Italy's deadly 2009 quake, six scientists and one government official were convicted of involuntary man-

slaughter for failing to communicate the risks. It's not clear yet whether there will be a repeat of this blame game in light of the Aug. 24, 2016 quake.

The scientists were later cleared. They'd simply said the chance of a major quake had neither increased nor decreased after a recent cluster (called a "swarm") of tremors.

Here's the thing: In most cases (99 per cent, according to one seismologist), a swarm is not a warning knell for a major quake. However, big quakes are often

preceded by smaller "foreshocks" — though it may not be clear what's a foreshock and what's the real thing until after the fact.

Chile, possibly the most earthquake-ready nation, has a network of sensors that detect tremors as they happen, so people can be evacuated if it's determined there's a risk of tsunami.

Early warning systems in the works — ones that can, for example, trigger trains to stop and power and gas lines to be disabled to minimize damage — are expected to provide a couple of

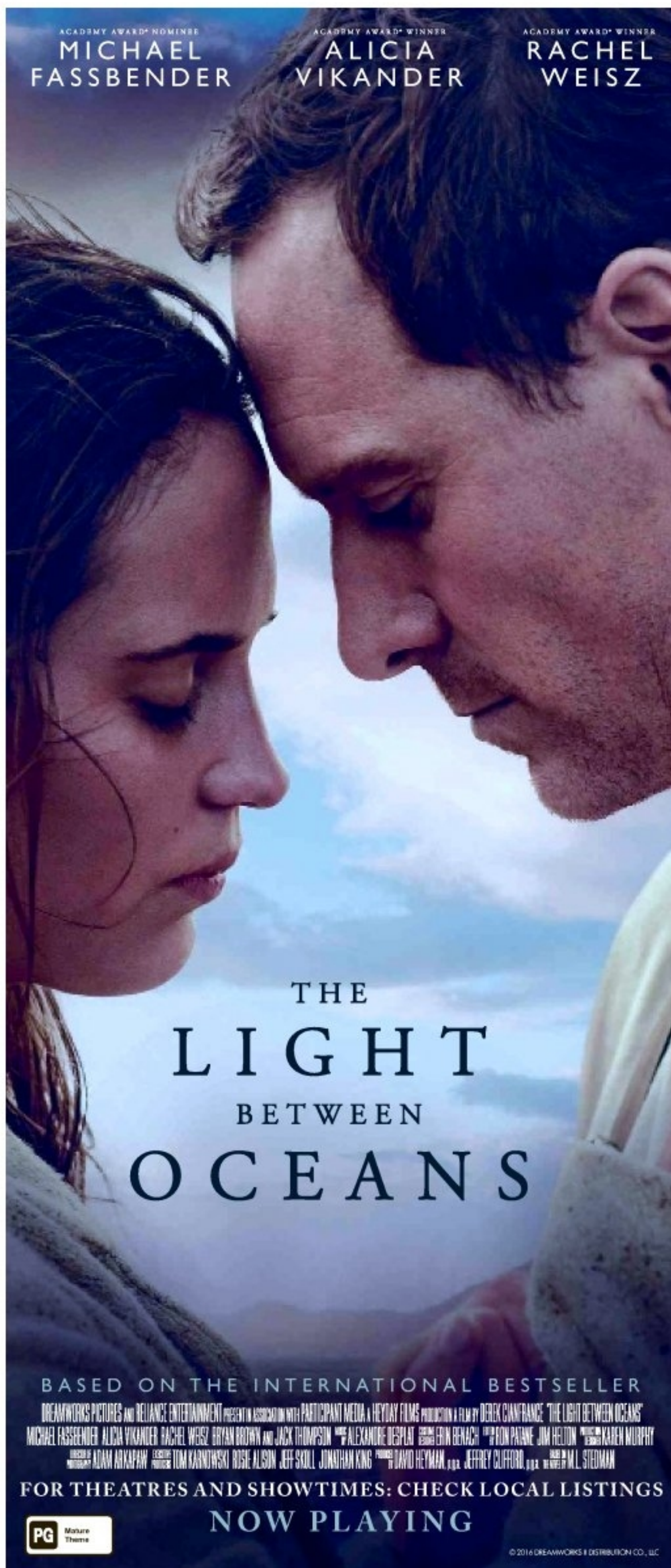
minutes of notice, at the very most. It's not like a weather forecast, and it probably never will be.

Here's the heart of it: Earthquakes, the release of pent-up potential energy inherent in the position of tectonic plates, are chaotic by nature. This brings to mind a favourite quotation of mine, from Irish comedian Dara Ó Briain: "Science knows it doesn't know everything; otherwise, it'd stop."

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# Crossing over

## How M.L. Stedman's debut novel *The Light Between Oceans* made it to the big screen

Few debut novels have made as big a splash as M.L. Stedman's *The Light Between Oceans*. Set on a lonely island off the west coast of Australia, the 2012 book tells the tale of lighthouse keepers who find a lost baby and what happens when good people make bad decisions. It's a love story, mystery and tragedy rolled into a sweeping historical novel.

But the story of how the New York Times bestseller came into existence and how it made the transition from the page to the screen has almost as many twists as the book itself.

Originally from Western Australia, Stedman moved to London, England, to work as a lawyer. In 1997, she took up creative writing and had some success with her short stories. Then came *The Light Between Oceans*. The novel is about moral choices, though it is careful not to judge the actions of its characters. Tom Sherbourne is a First World War vet who seeks sanctuary as the keeper of a white stone lighthouse. On the mainland, he meets the spirited Isabel Graysmark, who searches for a modern idea of freedom with Tom on the island.

In an interview with *The Christian Science Monitor*, Stedman said the story and its characters emerged from her imagination: "I closed my eyes and could see a lighthouse and a woman... a man appeared, and I sensed

he was the light keeper, and it was his story. Then a boat washed up, carrying the body of a dead man. I kept looking and saw there was a baby in it too, so I had to keep writing to see who all these people were and what happened next."

What happened next was that the novel was a hit. It has been published in over 30 languages and praised for its deeply realized protagonists and its exploration of darkness and light. Stedman herself adds a layer of mystery, granting few interviews and offering little personal information.

In 2012, DreamWorks won the rights to the story, and Derek Cianfrance, director of *Blue Valentine* and *The Place Beyond the Pines*, was chosen to recreate Stedman's fictional world of Janus Rock. To capture the novel's conflicted characters, Cianfrance cast Michael Fassbender and Alicia Vikander in the roles of Tom and Isabel, and Rachel Weisz as a mysterious mainlander from the past.

Because the geography is so important to the story, the movie was filmed on location on the rugged west coast of Australia. "I wanted to be incredibly faithful to the book," says Cianfrance.

He says Stedman herself paid him the ultimate compliment when she told him that, in his making of the film, she felt understood. "She said, 'Isn't that the point of life, that we, as human beings, are trying to be understood by each other?'"

*The Light Between Oceans* is now playing in theatres across Canada.





## Fall into film

After a bruising three months, it's about to get better at the multiplex. Here are six movies, performances and story lines moviegoers can look forward to this autumn. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**1 Potter world roars back to life** — This fall, J.K. Rowling's \$7.8-billion film franchise is back. It's a two-pronged attack. While *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* (pictured) is reaching back into the past of Rowling's Potter world, the two-part West End play *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* (only co-written by Rowling) is going into the future. It moves the tale 19 years ahead of where the books left off.

**2 Ang Lee, innovator** — Ang Lee is continually pushing cinema to new technological heights, and his adaptation of Billy Lynn's *Long Haultime Walk* (Nov. 11) is no less ambitious. The first screening will be in 4K, 3D and 120 frames per second — essentially, hyper reality.

**3 Lonergan-Mania** — Little is settled about this fall's coming awards season except for this: Kenneth Lonergan's *Manchester by the Sea* (Nov. 18) is one of the best films of the year. Already celebrated at its Sundance premiere, Casey Affleck excels as a small-town New Englander haunted by tragedy.

**4 A more diverse Oscars** — After two straight years of "OscarsSoWhite" blanketing a dishearteningly homogenous Academy Awards, a richly diverse array of possible nominees is lining up for this season. A revamped Academy of Motion Pictures may be hard pressed to ignore the likes of *Hidden Figures* (Dec. 25).

**5 A legitimately good Shia LaBeouf** — Performance-art theatrics have overshadowed the transformation Shia LaBeouf has undergone. He's made it easy to not take him seriously in recent years, and maybe that's been the point. But in Andrea Arnold's Midwest teenage odyssey, *American Honey* (Sept. 30), LaBeouf and breakout star Sasha Lane (pictured) are exceptional.

**6 Emma Stone gets a proper showcase** — How do you come off of a dud like *Aloha*? By singing, dancing and romancing your way back into America's hearts in what could be a career-defining performance in Damien Chazelle's musical story *La La Land* (Dec. 16) of course.



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**LEO DICAPRIO LOOKALIKES AROUND THE GLOBE**

Leonardo DiCaprio is one of the most recognizable names in Hollywood. But the face that's become so memorable from a career spanning three decades and from such films as *Titanic*, *The Aviator* and *The Revenant* — for which he won a Best Actor Oscar — isn't particularly unique.

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**1 Roman Burtsev, 33**

Looking rather like an overfed version of the sleeker DiCaprio, a Russian IT expert Roman Burtsev has been using his resemblance to the actor to fatten his wallet, most recently in a television ad campaign for the tipples most favoured by his fellow Rusksies, Five Lakes Vodka. Burtsev is also taking acting lessons, is planning to go on a diet to shed some unwanted inches and is hoping to find true love in the near future.

**2 Dane DeHaan, 30**

American Dane DeHaan is the only doppelganger who's actually followed DiCaprio into acting and it's helped him launch a promising career in television and film. "I think we have very similar eyes. I really like DiCaprio, the younger work especially. I think that he played a lot of very varied, but fully-embodied characters, and I would hope that's true for my work too. I don't think it's just a physical thing ... I think we bring an intensity to the screen that is somewhat comparable," DeHaan said in a 2012 interview.

**3 Konrad Annerud, 21**

Swedish bartender Konrad Annerud says he's mistaken for the actor nearly every day, although he's 20 years younger, and gets plenty of selfie requests. The DiCaprio clone doesn't help matters since he mirrors the same hair and clothing style as the actor. "It can become a bit hard sometimes when people call me Leo instead of my name ... but it's fun to be like him. He's handsome," Annerud said in an interview.

**4 Brad Ellison, 27**

When U.S. archer Brad Ellison made his third appearance and won his second Silver Medal for archery at the recent Summer Olympics in Rio, fans couldn't help but notice his uncanny resemblance to the actor. DiCaprio has recently been sporting a beard, as does Ellison, which makes them look even more like twin brothers separated at birth. "I personally don't see a huge resemblance, maybe besides the facial hair. (DiCaprio) is a good-looking dude so I guess it's a compliment," Ellison told the Huffington Post.

**5 Jordan Kale Barret, 19**

First scouted at the tender age of 14 at a grocery store with his mother, Australian model Jordan Kale Barrett has been compared to both DiCaprio and his late acting rival, River Phoenix. The 19-year-old is already a world traveler, having modeled for *Vogue* magazine and landing major shoots for such big-name fashion names as Versace, Balmain, Tommy Hilfiger and the Gap. He's even become tabloid fodder as the rumoured boytoy of hotel heiress Paris Hilton.



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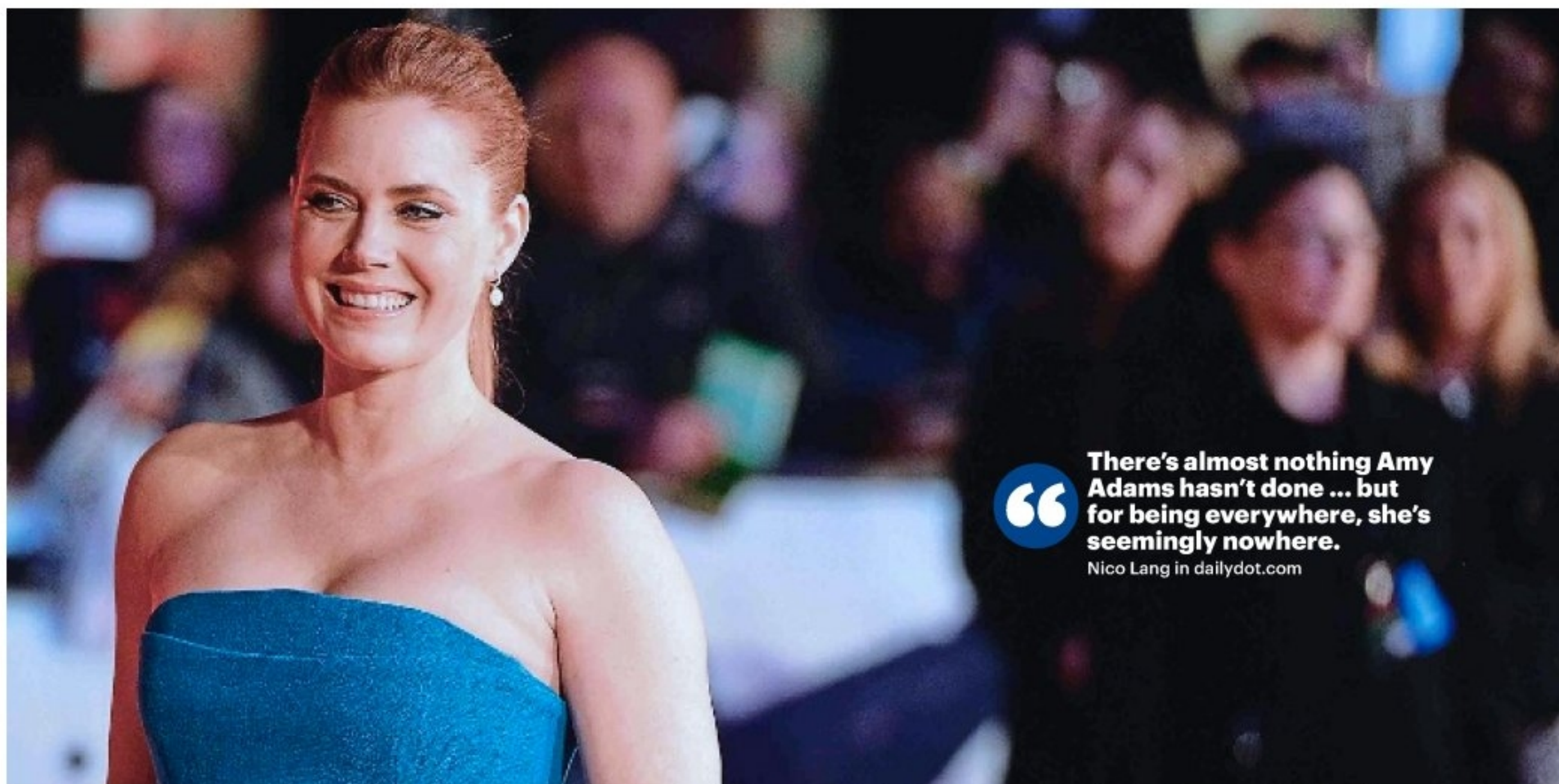
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Nico Lang in *dailydot.com*

Amy Adams stars in Tom Ford’s *Nocturnal Animals*, a screwy character sketch, and Denis Villeneuve’s *Arrival*, which some people are already calling the sci-fi thriller of the year.

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# Amy, meet Oscar

## ACADEMY AWARDS

**Five noms, no statues: Time for versatile actress to win**

**Shinan Govani**  
For Torstar News Service

Better to have been nominated and lost than to have never been nominated at all.

Or is it?

As Amy Adams — alliterative of name, fiery of mane — moseys into Toronto next week this is a question that might be asked. Starring in two, high-profile movies at the Toronto International Film Festival, and with the chatter of awards season commencing anew, it’s as good a time as any to be reminded that the 42-year-old sweetheart is in quite the Oscar club: She’s five for five, both for Oscar nods and Oscar robs.

Adams is more conspicuous than, say, Julianne Moore, who’d been nominated four times before she won her first statuette for *Still Alice*. But a solid 12 years passed between Moore’s Academy Award win and her previous nomination, while Adams’s five nominations

came in the span of a decade.

“The nominations got Amy attention, and better work with more interesting directors, but it happening in such quick succession ... it’s also kind of a bag of rocks on her back,” an L.A.-based Oscar-watching veteran told me recently. That is to say, in *Hollyweird*, stars such as Brie Larson and Alicia Vikander walked away with statuettes this year on their first go-round, while a dash of Susan Lucci (the soap opera star nominated for an Emmy 19 times before she won the award), clogs Adams’ filmography.

The all-American actress paid her dues in straight-to-video marvels like *Cruel Intentions 2* and got a break in 2002 when she was cast as the candy stripper in Steven Spielberg’s *Catch Me If You Can*. That was followed by another drought before the Oscar train began to chug in 2006, with a career-launching part in *Junebug*. Armed with indie cred and an Oscar nomination she walked down that crimson carpet again in 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2014 for *Doubt*, *The Master*, *The Fighter* and *American Hustle*, respectively.

No sooner had Leonardo DiCaprio fulfilled his own destiny with a Best Actor win this

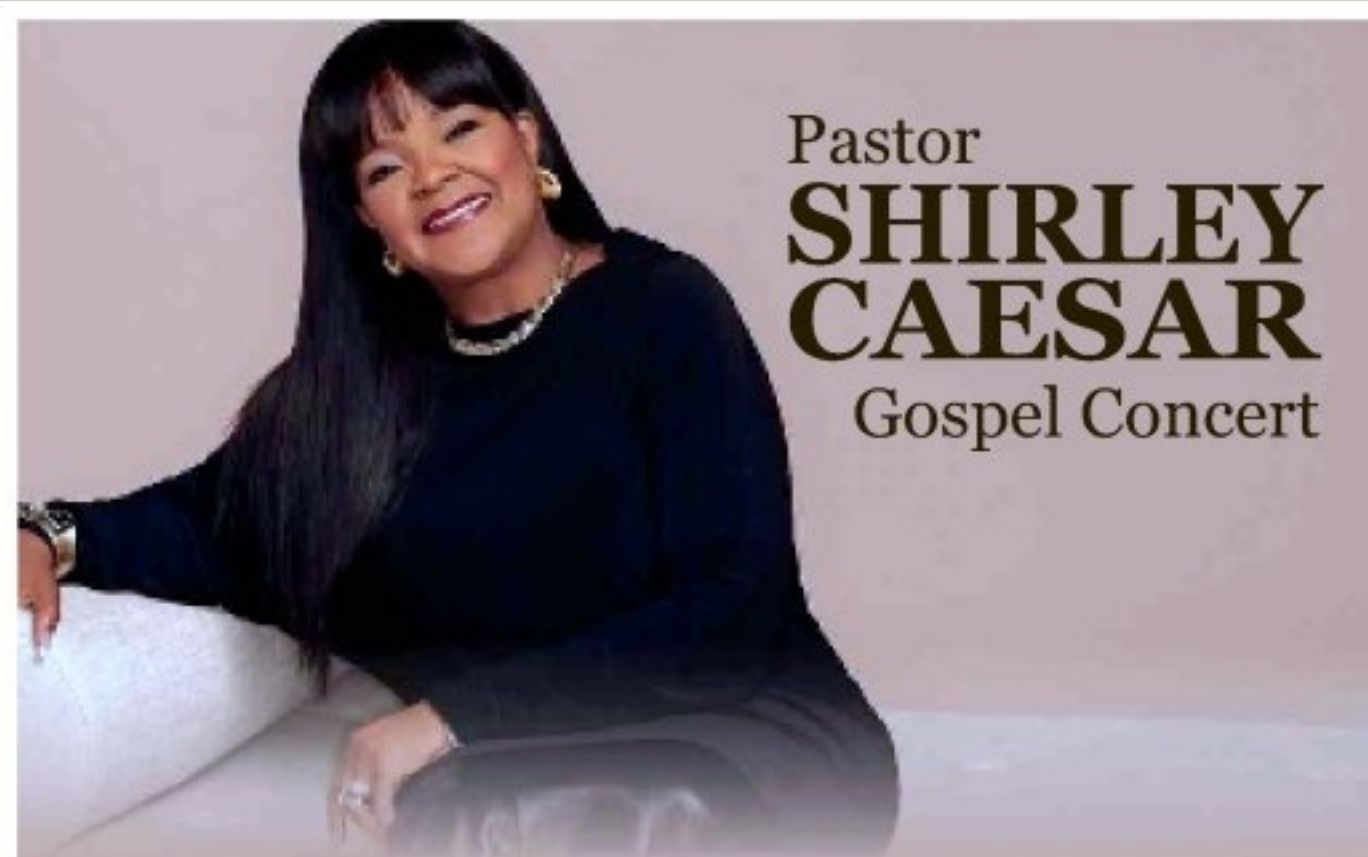
past February than the Oscar-curse talk shifted to the woman who’s been a high school gymnast, a Gap greeter and an A-grade cartoon Disney princess, and who has shared movie credits with Meryl Streep twice (in *Doubt* and *Julie & Julia*).

“Now that Leo got his Oscar, can we finally move on to the injustice that is Amy Adams being nominated five times without winning, how?” tweeted @NathanWarnock, one voice in the rising chorus. Comparisons inevitably were also made to Kate Winslet, who went zero-for-five herself until she struck gold for *The Reader*.

Adams’s two films screening in Toronto offer a glimmer of hope. She stars in Tom Ford’s *Nocturnal Animals*, a screwy character sketch, and Denis Villeneuve’s *Arrival*, which some people are already calling the sci-fi thriller of the year.

If nothing else, the two projects demonstrate Adams’s range; she has more range than most, but it’s also prevented her from developing the kind of image that’s critical in today’s star-making apparatus.

“In her short career,” wrote Nico Lang in *dailydot.com*, “there’s almost nothing Amy Adams hasn’t done ... but for being everywhere, she’s seemingly nowhere.”



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# Why the whole world is in love with Alicia Vikander

IN FOCUS

**Actress has quickly become the 'it' girl of film**

**Richard Crouse**

For Metro Canada



In *The Light Between Oceans*, Michael Fassbender plays a stoic World War I veteran who falls truly, madly and deeply in love with Isabel (Alicia Vikander).

It's not an uncommon tale these days. It seems all of Hollywood adores the 27-year-old Swedish actress.

The New York Times praises "the gamin bone structure, that sullen pout, those velvety fawn eyes," and producer Lionel Wigram declared, "She's a star. You can't take your eyes off her on screen or in person."

Her talent and versatility have made her so in demand it's hard to believe that in her late teens drama school twice rejected her.

According to her those dismissals were a blessing in disguise as they allowed her earlier access to "an industry that prizes youth in women."

This weekend she takes on the romance of *The Light Between Oceans* as a precocious woman who asks a man she has just met to marry her. Based on an acclaimed and bestselling book by M.L. Stedman, it's a story about choices, honour and true love that plays like a highbrow Nicolas Sparks story in period clothes. It also showcases Vikander's range. In the last two years she has played everything from the personification of artificial intelligence to the estranged daughter of Hitler's favourite rocket scientist.

After success in Swedish language film and television, Vikander made an impression in under-seen films like the lushly beautiful *Anna Karenina* opposite Keira Knightley and *Testament of Youth*, a World War I era story of one woman's voyage into pacifism.

It was *Ex Machina*, however, that made her a star. She played an automaton named Ava created by tech wiz Nathan "The Mozart of Code" Bateman (Oscar Isaac). Programmer Caleb Smith (Domhnall Gleeson) is hired to evaluate if the robot's ability to show intelligent behaviour is equal to, or undifferentiated from, that of a human being. *Ex Machina* is presented as sci-fi, but it really is a human drama;

a human drama where the main character has a fibre optic nervous system. Vikander is equal parts warmth and chilly precision as a robot who wants more than to be a machine.

Next Guy Ritchie cast her in *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.* and if he had Frankenstein'd an actress for the role of Gaby in the mould of 1960s starlets, he could not have topped Vikander as a picture-perfect representation of mid-century cool. She looks like she was born to wear the oversized sunglasses and Mary Quaint frocks but she's more than just the romantic interest.

In *The Danish Girl*, Eddie Redmayne plays the title role, transgender pioneer Lili Elbe, and while he has the showier part, it is Vikander — as Elbe's ex-wife — who won a best supporting Oscar for holding the screen as the film's emotional core.

But perhaps the biggest indication of her industry clout is that she recently announced she'll be stepping in for Angelina Jolie as Lara Croft in the rebooted *Tomb Raider* series.



This weekend Alicia Vikander stars opposite Michael Fassbender in *The Light Between Oceans*. CONTRIBUTED



## MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

**The Light Between Oceans** ★★  
**The 9th Life of Louis Drax** ★★★

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## SNEAK PREVIEW

# Off-kilter role falls into Aaron Paul's wheelhouse

Aaron Paul isn't a dad, yet, but he loves playing one — however flawed that dad might be.

"I love working with kids. I have lots of nieces and nephews. I can't wait to have children of my own," he said during a recent round of interviews for *The 9th Life of Louis Drax*.

Paul plays two parts — sort of — in *Louis Drax*, and one came with a monster suit.

"It was a huge process, a four-hour process," he said of his transformation from ex-boxer, violent dad-with-a-drinking problem Peter Drax, to a dark, cave-dwelling thing.

"It was a big suit that I put on. A latex head. I kind of suppressed the memory. It was a nightmare of an experience. But I actually really enjoyed it."

The psychological thriller stars Jamie Dornan as a coma specialist tasked with taking care of a nine-year-old, seemingly accident-prone boy named Louis whom Dornan's Dr. Allan Pascal mind melds with. There's also some romance, on Dornan's part, with Louis' mom.

The story is right in Paul's off-kilter wheelhouse, a la his



In the psychological thriller *The 9th Life of Louis Drax*, Aaron Paul plays the father of a boy in a coma. TAYLOR JEWELL/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

award-winning role as Jesse Pinkman in *Breaking Bad*. It's a more challenging stretch for Dornan, of *Fifty Shades* fame, despite being the son of a doctor who once had acting aspirations of his own.

"My dad is a doctor. My mother was a nurse. My step-mother is a doctor. My uncle's a doctor. It's funny, my dad tried to give me advice for pretty much every character I've played, except on this occasion when I was playing a

medical professional," Dornan laughed.

Dornan, who has two young daughters, enjoyed working with a child actor as much as Paul. Louis is played by Aiden Longworth, who was 10 during filming and is now nearly 12.

Yes, Louis is in a coma, though he has more to do than just lie still.

"Aiden, he's brilliant," Dornan said. "You know the famous thing, never work with kids and animals? One of the early scenes I did was with a hamster and a child, so there's two in one. He talks non-stop, so actually the coma aspect, for him, was very, very difficult."

The script was a labour of love for Max Minghella, whose famous father, Oscar-winning director and screenwriter Anthony Minghella, had been developing it before he died in 2008. Minghella said French director Alexander Aja, known for slasher horror and fantasy, was true to the page, though the two didn't always get along.

"We butted heads a lot. I ... but it was absolutely coming from a place of love and excitement," Minghella said.

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QMJHL

## Herd getting close to their final roster

**Kristen Lipscombe**  
Metro | Halifax

The final roster for this season's Halifax Mooseheads is starting to reveal itself.

The Herd announced two more changes this past week, with forward Dominik Blain claimed off waivers by the Gatineau Olympiques on Thursday, and defenceman Adam Nolan cut following practice at Cole Harbour Place on Wednesday.

In Blain's case, the move allows him to continue playing in the QMJHL, but out of his hometown, a Mooseheads news release said. The five-foot-nine, 179-pound player, who Halifax drafted in the fifth round in 2014, notched three points in 36 career games with the Herd. Nolan, meanwhile, remains

property of the Valley Wildcats, who drafted him in the eighth round of last year's Maritime Junior A Hockey League draft.

The decisions made by Mooseheads management over the last couple of days leave 24 players on the club's training camp roster. That includes two goaltenders, seven defencemen and 15 forwards, which means the netminders and blue-liners are likely set.

The two goalies left are highly touted rookie Alexis Gravel and third-year veteran Kevin Resop. The D-men include Jocktain Chainey, Mathieu Charlebois, Walter Flower, Cooper Jones, Jordan Lepage, Jared McIsaac and captain Taylor Ford.

The squad's next pre-season games are set for next Sept. 10 in Springhill and Sept. 11 at the Halifax Forum, both against the Moncton Wildcats.

### IN BRIEF

#### Dutch fall to Greece, suffer fifth straight home loss

Greece came from a goal down to beat the Netherlands 2-1 on Thursday and heap more pressure on beleaguered Dutch coach Danny Blind.

It was the fifth straight home defeat for the Dutch, the first time that has happened since 1933, and underscored the depths the team has sunk to since being a losing semifinalist in the last World Cup in Brazil.

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#### Murray tunes out roof noise to advance to 3rd round

Andy Murray advanced to the third round at the U.S. Open with another straight-sets victory.

The second-seeded Murray beat Marcel Granollers 6-4, 6-1, 6-4 on Thursday under the roof at Arthur Ashe Stadium. The heavy rain outside made quite a clatter on the new roof, and Murray said it was tough at first because it was hard to hear the ball.

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# Determining Price's status for World Cup

HOCKEY

## Thought is 'he'll be ready to go' after exhibition tilts

Mike Babcock had just three days to prepare his team for its first game at the 2014 Sochi Olympics. Team Canada's head coach won't be so pressed for time ahead of the World Cup of Hockey.

Training camp begins in Ottawa on Monday with the tournament starting almost two weeks later in Toronto on Sept. 17. That leaves plenty of opportunity for Babcock and his staff to evaluate starting goalie Carey Price, rejig a defence that will be without injured veteran Duncan Keith and craft line combinations from a wealth of talent.

"We're excited about the mix of our group and I know as a management staff and coaching staff we're excited to get to Ottawa and get up and running and I'm sure the players share that same excitement," Canada general manager Doug Armstrong said in an interview.

Price, the 2015 Vezina Trophy winner, is among the biggest question marks heading into camp.

While the 29-year-old is said to be at full strength following a knee injury that caused him to miss most of last season, it's not known how sharp he'll

be after nearly 10 months without game action. How quickly can he regain top form? And how long can Babcock and the Canadians wait to make that determination in a two-week tournament?

"Certainly, we understand he hasn't played in a competitive game for a long time," Armstrong said. "But a lot of guys obviously, if you missed the playoffs or didn't go to the (world championships), you've been off four or five months, too. He's going to get in there in training camp and face lots of shots. We'll get him in some game action as soon as possible and just try and get him up and running before Game 1."

"I think that after the exhibition games he'll be ready to go."

Canada plays three exhibition games just how much game action the B.C. native gets and needs after such a long lay-off is uncertain. Canada also must ensure that its alternatives, Corey

Crawford and Braden Holtby, are ready to go in the event that Price isn't at his best.

Beyond Price are new concerns about the back end after Keith pulled out with a lingering right knee injury. The 33-year-old teamed with Shea Weber on Canada's top pair in Sochi, logging more than 22 minutes per game as a do-everything sort for Babcock.

His absence is significant and poses some difficult choices.

Babcock could slot the dependable Marc-Edouard Vlasic with Weber and shift Jake Muzzin into a spot alongside Doughty, his Los Angeles Kings teammate and one-time defensive partner. Babcock could also keep Vlasic with Doughty and pair Muzzin with Weber.

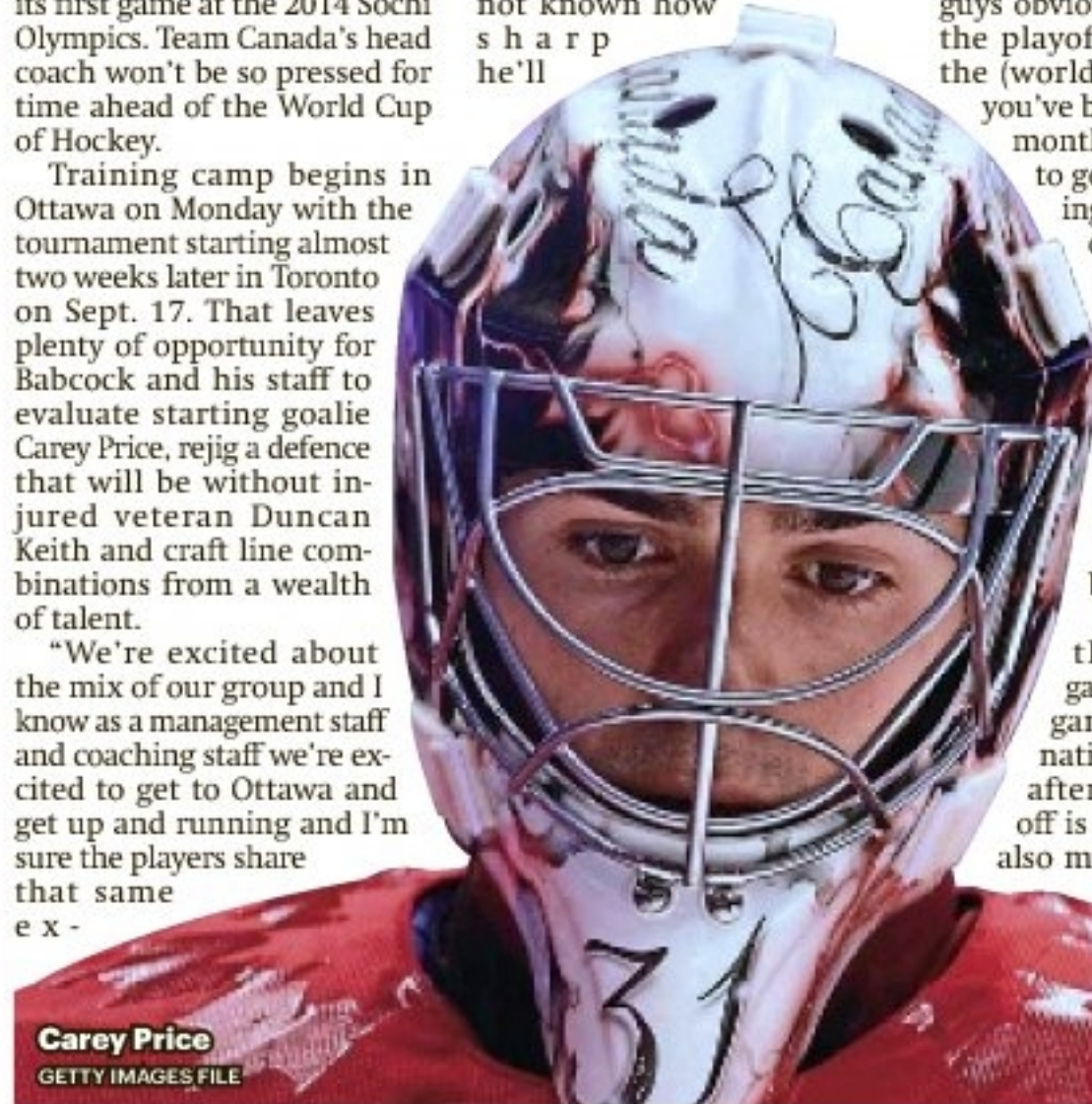
"We'll work it all out as exhibition goes on," he said on a recent Hockey Canada conference call.

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# No end on horizon for Huot

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## Veteran of five Paralympic Games doesn't want to retire

Benoit Huot hesitates at the mention of retirement.

As the veteran Canadian swimmer heads into his fifth Paralympics, he isn't thinking too much about how many Games he may have left, but admits he's going to savour every moment in Brazil.

"I'll finish with Rio and I'll re-evaluate after the Games if I have another year in me and if I do, I'll go year-by-year," Huot said this week at Toronto's Pan Am Sports Centre. "I'm 32 now and I think it's really difficult to put myself in the mindset of that I'm going for another full cycle."

The Longueuil, Que., native has had an illustrious career that includes 19 Paralympic medals — nine of which are gold. Huot,

who has club feet, set a world record in the SM10 200-metre individual medley at the 2012 London Games, finishing the race in two minutes 10.01 seconds.

He also took silver in the 400 freestyle and captured bronze in the 100 backstroke in London. Huot's best Paralympics were in Athens in 2004 when he won five gold and a silver.

The five-foot-eight, 154-pound swimmer is coming off a successful 2015 season that saw him win three medals at the world championships and three more at the Parapan Am Games in Toronto, including gold in the 400-metre freestyle.

His career hasn't come without disappointment, however. Despite collecting four bronze at the Beijing Games in 2008, he missed the podium in the 100 backstroke and 100 butterfly, events in which he thrived four years earlier.

"He probably could have walked away from swimming after Beijing, it was that rough of an experience for him," Canadian head coach Craig McCord said. "But he chose not to and I should call him a bit of a renaissance man because he went back to the drawing board, he figured out what he needed to do and it was a slow, hard battle back."

Huot's career has followed a similar path to that of Michael Phelps, the most decorated athlete in Olympic history. Phelps, who is a year

younger than Huot, also got his international start at the 2000 Sydney Games and retired at the conclusion of Rio earlier this month.

The two first met at the 2005 world championships in Montreal and have encountered each other a couple times since.

"I think without even knowing Michael that well, I'm pretty

### I'll finish with Rio and I'll re-evaluate after the Games.

Benoit Huot on his future



**Benoit Huot**, winner of 19 Paralympic medals, is preparing for his fifth Games in Rio. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

sure what he's living every day at age 31 and after five Olympic Games, we live similar things without even knowing each other," Huot said.

"I inspire myself a lot with what he's done and because we've had a similar path, obviously in a different world."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Thompson runs second-fastest 200m of 2016

Olympic 200-metre champion Elaine Thompson ran the second-fastest time in the world this year to edge great rival Dafne Schippers at the Weltklasse Diamond League meeting on Thursday.

Thompson led only in the final five metres to clock 21.85 seconds — .07 outside the new Jamaican star's gold medal-winning time in Rio de Janeiro.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Beckenbauer home raided as part of FIFA probe

Soccer great Franz Beckenbauer is a criminal suspect in a World Cup fraud case. Beckenbauer's home in Austria was raided for evidence on Thursday on behalf of Swiss federal prosecutors investigating corruption linked to FIFA.

Switzerland's attorney general's office said they had opened criminal proceedings against the German. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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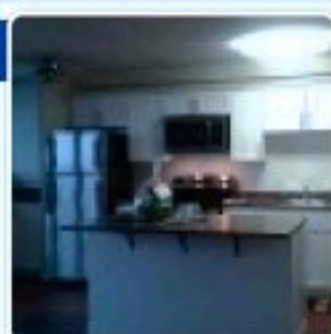
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**Cook time:** 25 minutes  
Makes one dozen muffins

## Ingredients

- 1/2 cup ham, chopped
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- 1/2 cup green onions, finely sliced
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 4 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- a few good grinds of black pepper
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 eggs

## Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 de-

grees. Prepare muffin tins or line with paper muffin cups.

**2.** In a large bowl, mix together the flour, whole wheat flour, salt and pepper and baking powder. Add the ham, cheese and green onions and toss until they are covered in the flour mixture and distributed evenly throughout it.

**3.** In another bowl, whisk together the milk, oil, yogurt and the eggs. Pour the wet mixture over the dry and stir until everything is completely combined — but don't over mix or your muffins will be tough.

**3.** Spoon the batter evenly into the muffin tins or muffin papers. Place your trays in the hot oven and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until they are golden brown and a toothpick inserted into a muffin comes out clean.

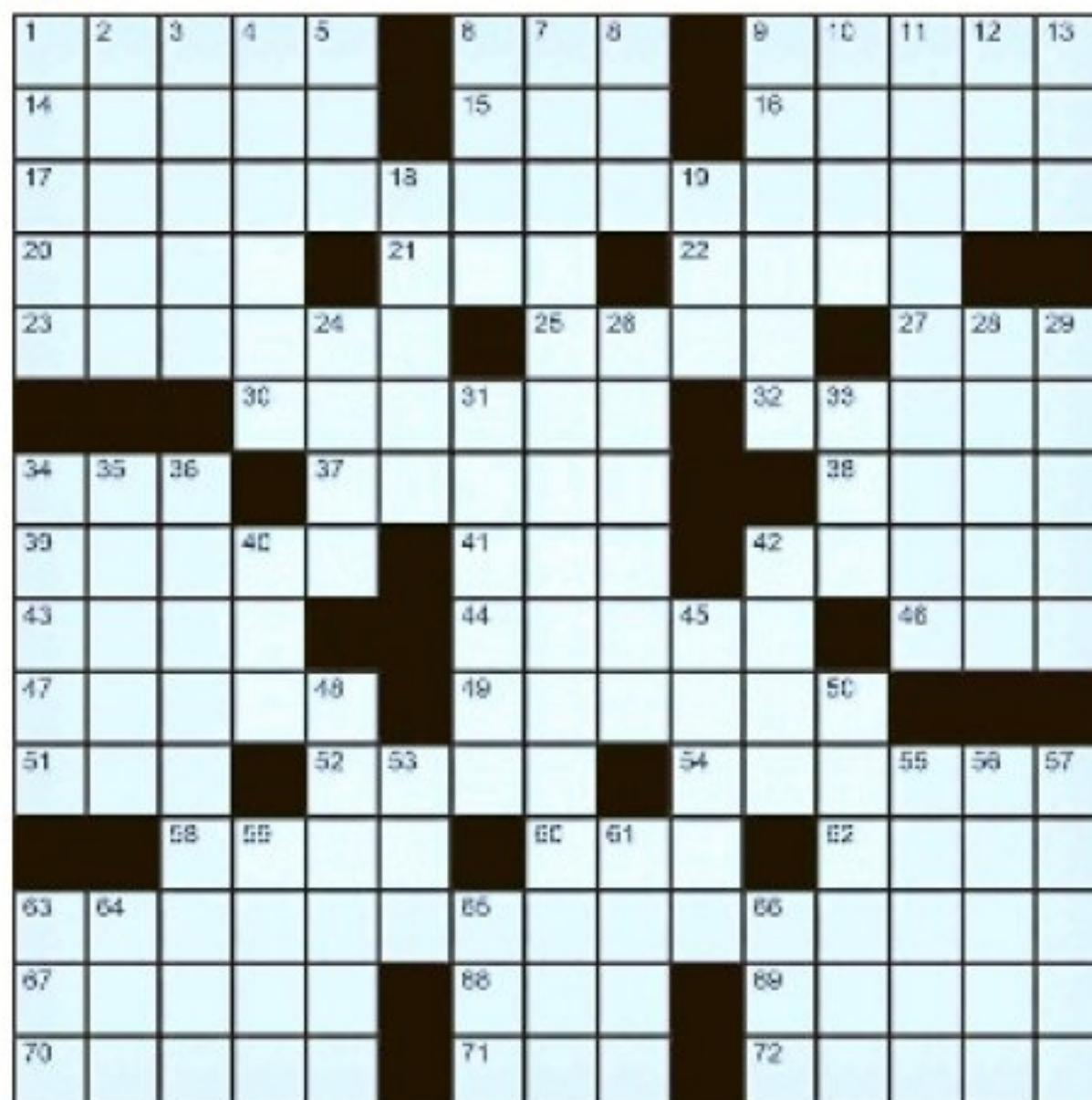
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35. Quaintly bless with oil
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# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Things are so much better at work today — huge difference! Work-related travel is likely. If you do travel, you will enjoy it.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
This is a wonderful, upbeat, playful day! Accept all invitations to party. Enjoy playful times with children. Movies, sports events and the arts will delight.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Family discussions will be warm and friendly today. This is an excellent day to discuss home repairs or ways to expand your home.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Today you experience the power of positive thinking. Your sense of optimism is strong, and you like what you see in the future. Yay!

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
This is an excellent day for business and commerce. Trust your moneymaking ideas, because they could lead to increased profits now and in the future.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You easily see the big picture today, which also makes you more tolerant of other people and their ideas. It will please you to learn something new about practically anything.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
If you can kick back and relax today, you will enjoy it. It will be fun to dream up big ideas and make plans for the future. It's a great day to dream big.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Group activities and time spent with friends will be a plus for you today. Accept invitations to interact with others whether through classes, sports or conferences.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Discussions with bosses and parents will be positive today, because people are in a generous, easygoing mood. Someone will listen to you; this person might even help you.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
This is a great day to sign up for a course or make plans to get further education or training in an area that interests you.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
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**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
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